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1. General statement. There were no substantial changes in the order of battle situation of Soviet Ground Forces in Germany during the period of observation. It appears that the fighter division previously at Finow has left the Russian Zone. There are also indications that the two fighter divisions at Grossen-hain and Alt Loennewitz have been transferred.
2. Soviet Ground Forces. A large-scale field exercise involving components of all divisions of the Second Guards Mechanized Army appears to have been conducted in the Neuruppin area between 8 and 13 October.
3. Between 10 and 20 October, motor convoys of the 25th Tank Division, the Ninth Guards Motorized Division and headquarters units of the Third Shock Army were observed in the area of Neustadt on the Dosse River. These movements may have been connected with field exercises in that area.
4. Between 10 and 15 October, troops with billeting equipment and heavy weapons began returning to their home stations from their troop training grounds. It is possible that some units may be conducting field exercises on their way to their posts.
5. The large-scale field exercises which were originally scheduled on the Elbe in the Neuhausenleben-Rosslau and Hoyerswerda areas were cancelled on short notice at the time of the departure of these units for their home stations. Residents of these areas were officially informed that the manoeuvres had been cancelled. A signal-communications center which was being set up in Bautzen, probably as a command post for the manoeuvres planned for Lusatian Heath, was removed. This removal indicates that the large-scale manoeuvres in the Neuhausenleben-Rosslau area have probably been cancelled.
6. Soviet Air Forces. The transfer of the Ground Attack Regiments at Staaken and Schoenwalde to Stendal and Dessau respectively has been confirmed by several sources.

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7. The transfer of one fighter regiment from Neuruppin and two fighter regiments from Finow to an undetermined location outside the Russian Zone of Germany has been verified by reports of rail movements toward Brest-Litovsk.
8. There are also indications that the two fighter divisions with headquarters at Grossenhain and Alt Loennowitz have been transferred. It has not been determined that they left the Russian Zone of Germany. This is based on information that the fighter regiment in Dessau definitely left that place on 3 October and has not been observed at any other field in the Russian Zone. Two trains carrying air force shipments left Alt Loennowitz for Frankfurt/Oder and Angermuende respectively. The departure of aircraft and USSR-bound Russian dependents from Grossenhain has been reported twice.

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